



**MINUTES – MEC LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION  
11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009  
PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE WEST CAMPUS  
2202 W. ANKLAM ROAD, TUCSON, ARIZONA**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dr. Louis Albert, Bill Ardern, Rhonda Ball, Malena Barajas, Dr. Kent Paul Barrabee, Mark DeWeerd, George Favela, Ann Huber, Dr. Paul Kohn, Rebecca Kopec, Peri Jude Radecic, Jo Riester, Dr. Jay St. John, Lisa Silveiro, Dr. June Webb-Vignery, Pat Wiedhopf.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Dr. Linda Arzoumanian, Mark DeWeerd, Richard Elias, Connie Greenberg, Mari Helen High, Bill Holmes, Maria Hooker, Raul Nido, Jo Anne Sayre, Laura Shaw, Abbie Stone, Molly Tylutki, Chris Walden-Jones.

NON-COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Karla Garcia, Edward Nossem, Matthew Kopec, and 33 total Arizona Education Association (AEA) and Tucson Education Association (TEA) Attendees.

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Pam Simon (for Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords); District 25 – Patricia Fleming; District 26 – Vic Williams; District 27 - Olivia Cajero-Bedford; Jorge Luis Garcia, Phil Lopes; District 28 – Paula Aboud, David Bradley, Steve Farley; District 29 – Daniel Patterson; Linda Lopez.

1.0 CHECK IN –SIGN IN  
MEC Commissioners signed in at 11:30a.m.

2.0 INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – DR. JUNE WEBB-VIGNERY  
Dr. Webb-Vignery welcomed and introduced various attendees, who were all representing either the MEC, the AEA, or the TEA. Dr. Louis Albert, MEC Chair and President of Pima Community College West Campus, also welcomed the attendees.

3.0 LUNCH  
Lunch began at 12:00 and ended at 1:30p.m.

4.0 WORDS FROM LEGISLATORS  
Beth Slain, TEA, and Co-Chair of the Grass Roots Education Advocacy Team (GREAT), gave opening remarks, gave special recognitions, and introduced the Legislators. The legislators presented on their support for education in the Arizona House & Senate, the budget crises affecting education in Arizona and around the nation, and strategies for addressing these issues.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT  
The Legislative Reception adjourned at 1:30p.m.